

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 01897 132029Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00
PA-01 ICA-11 SP-02 /037 W
-----129247 132107Z /62

P 132022Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7029
INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL
AMCONSUL QUEBEC
ALL OTHER CANADIAN POSTS POUCH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE OTTAWA 01897

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PINT, CA
SUBJECT: PROMINENT TORY, JIM GILLIES, WILL NOT RUN IN
NEXT ELECTIONS

1. PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE (PC) ELECTORAL PROSPECTS
WERE DEALT A BLOW APRIL 12 WHEN PROMINENT PC MEMBER JIM
GILLIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD NOT SEEK REELECTION IN HIS
METRO-TORONTO RIDING. GILLIES CITED DESIRE TO SPEND MORE
TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND TO RETURN TO TEACHING CAREER AS
REASONS FOR HIS DECISION. IN HIS WARM LETTER OF RESIGNA-
TION TO TORY LEADER JOE CLARK, HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE
IN TORY CHANCES OF WINNING COMING NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

2. COMMENT: WE TAKE GILLIES' STATED REASONS FOR RESIGN-
ING AT FACE VALUE SINCE HE HAS A YOUNG FAMILY AND IS DIS-
TRESSED BY INROADS HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES HAVE HAD ON
HIS PERSONAL LIFE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ASSUME THAT
GILLIES PRIVATELY FEELS THAT TORY CHANCES IN NEXT ELECTIONS
ARE NOT GOOD AND THAT COMPETING PRIVATE CONSIDERATIONS OUT-
WEIGH PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUING ROLE IN OPPOSITION. IN
ANY CASE, GILLIES' DECISION IS A SERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 01897 132029Z

AND ELECTORAL BLOW TO THE TORIES. GILLIES WOULD HAVE BEEN
ONLY INCUMBENT TORY TO RUN IN 23-SEAT AREA OF METRO-
TORONTO. HE WAS, MOREOVER, REASONABLY ASSURED OF RE-
ELECTION. FURTHER, AS CHAIRMAN OF SHADOW CABINET AND
ENERGY CRITIC, GILLIES HAS HAD HIGH AND RESPECTED PROFILE
ACROSS CDUNTRY. ENDERS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION CANDIDATES, POLITICAL LEADERS, OPPOSITION PARTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978OTTAWA01897
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780159-0750
Format: TEL
From: OTTAWA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780461/aaaabztc.tel
Line Count: 61
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 42f039b1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2982208
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROMINENT TORY, JIM GILLIES, WILL NOT RUN IN NEXT ELECTIONS
TAGS: PINT, CA, (GILLIES, JIM)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/42f039b1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014